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H. RES. 40

Honoring the career and philanthropic contributions of Johnny Carson.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORTENBERRY (for himself, Ms. WATSON, Mr. TERRY, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mrs. BONO, Ms. LEE, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. OSBORNE, Mr. HAYWORTH, and Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring the career and philanthropic contributions of
Johnny Carson.

Whereas Johnny Carson was born as John William Carson on October 23, 1925, in Corning, Iowa, to Homer “Kit” and Ruth Carson;

Whereas Johnny Carson moved with his family to Norfolk, Nebraska, in 1933, served his country as a Navy ensign during World War II, and received a bachelor of arts degree in radio and speech in 1949 from the University of Nebraska;

Whereas Johnny Carson became known as the “King of Late Night” as he entertained millions of Americans from 1962 until 1992 as the host of “The Tonight Show”;

Whereas Johnny Carson won six Emmy Awards, was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame in 1987, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1992, and received the Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement Award in 1993;

Whereas Johnny Carson continued to recognize his Midwestern roots by generously donating millions of dollars to communities and institutions in Nebraska and Iowa;

Whereas the United States was saddened by the death of Johnny Carson on January 23, 2005, at the age of 79: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) honors Johnny Carson for making us laugh
- 3 and for his many philanthropic contributions; and
- 4 (2) expresses its deepest sympathy and condo-
- 5 lences to his family.

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